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COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON FEDERAL PROGRAM TO CONTROL PREDATOR DAMAGES TO WESTERN LIVESTOCK

The Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has extended the public comment period to February 12, 1979, on a draft environmental impact statement on its program to control livestock damages caused by coyotes and five other species of wild animals in 13 Western States.

The 30-day extension was announced in the January 4, 1979, Federal Register. The draft EIS has been available since November 27, 1978. Public hearings will be held at 9 a.m. in Salt Lake City on January 10 and at 9 a.m. in Washington, D.C., on January 12, as announced previously.

The draft statement examines environmental aspects of the present program as it relates to reducing livestock and poultry losses by coyotes as well as bobcats, black bears, mountain lions, and red and gray foxes. Possible alternatives to the program are also presented along with their expected impact on the environment.

Written comments and requests for information should be addressed to the Director (ADC), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D.C. 20240, 202/632-7463.

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